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St. Patrick's Parish



ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

671 E Yosemite Ave, Merced, CA 95340

Saturday Vigil Mass 5:00 pm
Sunday Mass 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 (Spanish) am
 1:00, 6:30 (Youth) pm
Monday - Friday 10:00 am
Saturday 9:00 am
 3:30 - 4:30 (Confessions) pm
Baptism (Spanish) 2nd & 4th Saturday at 10:00 am
 (English) 2nd & 4th Sunday at 2:30 pm



OUR LADY OF MERCY CHURCH

459 W 21st Street, Merced, CA 95340

Monday - Friday 6:30 am
 10:00 am*
 * Funeral Mass only

Ways to Serve - Opportunities to Learn

COMMUNION MINISTERS share the Body and Blood of Christ with the parish at Mass. Catholics who have received the sacrament of Confirmation are invited to join this ministry. Ministers serve one or two times each month.

READERS tell the story of God's saving action on behalf of his people. They break open the Word of God and share the good news of God's love. Adults and confirmed teens may participate in this ministry. Readers serve once or twice a month.

ALTAR SERVERS assist the presider at Mass. This important ministry is open to adults and young people who have made their First Communion. We are especially in need of men and women to be adult servers. Training is necessary for this ministry. Servers are scheduled once or twice a month.

For information on any of the Liturgical Ministries please contact Chris Magsalay by phone at 383-3924 ext. 13 or by email: chris@olmstpatrick.org.

COMMENTATORS & GREETERS are important ministers of hospitality. Their ministry helps to make parishioners and visitors feel welcome and wanted. The ministries of Commentator and Greeter are open to all parishioners; it's a great opportunity for families to work together for the Parish and to draw people together with a sense of unity and purpose. For information on greeters please contact Olivia King at 722-4662 for commentators contact Jeanette Muratore at 723-8575.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO THE SICK are trained members of our parish community who take Holy Communion to parish members confined to their homes. They include convalescent, retirement and residential care homes. They provide support to them and their families during times of illness and recovery. They offer friendship and companionship to residents as well as assisting them in attending Mass. Contact Mary Thompson or Walter Szymusiak at 383-3924.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets every Wednesday at 5:00 PM– 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall's Priest's Dining Room. The Support Group is for individuals that have lost a loved one and who are dealing with the everyday life changes after suffering the death of that loved one. Topics that are covered include: understanding grief, stress and coping, anniversaries and holidays, remembering and memorializing. For more information please contact Jandrea-Marie Gabrielle at 617-5173 or Jack Jackson at 777-1361.

DETENTION MINISTRY is training volunteers to minister to the needs of inmates. Our goal is building strong Christian communities in jails and prisons through our ministers who are sharing their spiritual lives and praying together. Please contact the Church Office at 383-3924.

MUSIC MINISTRY offers numerous opportunities for you and your family to become involved with the Music Ministry at St Patrick's. Come join us and use your musical gifts and talents for the glory of God and the blessing of the Body of Christ. Please feel free to contact Lyle D. Peters, Director of Music (383-3924, ext. 21) with questions or for more details.

WEEKEND MASSES & ENSEMBLES

5:00 p.m. Saturday Music Ensemble
 7:00 a.m. Sunday -- Music Ensemble
 9:00 a.m. Sunday Choir -- Adult Choir
 11:00 a.m. Domingo – Grupos Hispanos
 1:00 p.m. Sunday Ensemble
 6:30p.m. Sunday (Youth Mass) The Third Millennium

ALWAYS WANTED: Pianists and organists willing to play regularly at any of the weekend Masses. Training and mentoring provided.

Pastoral Ministry

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Rev. Msgr. Patrick McCormick, Pastor
Fr. Michael Cox (ex officio)
Deacon Jose Morales (ex officio)
Deacon Charles Reyburn (ex officio)
Deacon Joseph Smith (ex officio)
Chris Magsalay, Administrative Asst. (ex officio)
Francesca Aguilar (ex officio)
Carl Estrella
Michael Belluomini
Marisela Angel
Rick Marshall
Robert Tyler-Finance Committee Liaison
Jose J. Delgadillo
Agnes Stone
PPC meets every other month on Monday at 6:00 pm.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Rev. Msgr. Patrick McCormick, Pastor
Fr. Michael Cox (ex officio)
Rev. Mr. Charles Reyburn (ex officio)
Chris Magsalay (ex officio)
Jean Smith, Jill Brown, Robert Tyler—Pastoral Council Liaison, Marie McDonagh, Diane Hockersmith, LeRoy Gilsdorf

PFC meets third Wednesday of every other month at 5:30 pm.

PARISH SCHOOL

Our Lady of Mercy School (Preschool thru 8th Grade) has been in operation since 1927. OLM School is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and Certified by the Western Catholic Education Association. The school is located at 1400 E. 27th St., Merced CA 95340, 722-7496. The Principal is Mrs. Judy Blackburn. Her email address for the school is info@olmlancers.com. Mrs. Jill Serpa, Vice-Principal of Pre-School, 722-6657.

Religious Formation

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM gives children from first through eighth grades an opportunity to learn more about the faith. Children also prepare for first Confession and First Communion through this program. Teachers and Aides are needed for the many classes that meet weekly. To get involved, call Debbie Rosa at the CCD Office, 723-8888, or debbie@olmstpatrick.org.

CATECHISM/CCD classes for public schools children are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at Our Lady of Mercy School. Please contact Mrs. Debbie Rosa at 723-8888 for further information.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Two year program where participants meet in small groups led by an adult facilitator. To learn more, call Roy Guzman at 559-485-3619 or email-roy@olmstpatrick.org.

R.C.I.C The Rite of Christian Initiation of Children. Children of school age must participate with their parents in special instructions. This is a two year process which is set up at the time of registration. Please contact Mrs. Debbie Rosa 723-8888.

PRE-SCHOOL OF RELIGION & CHILDCARE

is a place where 3, 4, and 5-year olds can learn about the faith through simple lessons and activities. The group meets in the Parish Hall during the 9:00 am Sunday Mass. If you would like your children to participate—or if you would like to help out with the program—call Millicent Piro, 383-3924.

BAPTISM In English are the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 2:30 pm. In Spanish, the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month at 10:00 am.

All baptisms are celebrated at St. Patrick's Church. Please contact the church office at 383-3924 for more information.

WEDDINGS Our parish provides weddings in English or Spanish. Weddings are on Saturdays at St. Patrick's Parish or Our Lady of Mercy. Details of preparation are available by contacting the Wedding Coordinator, Agnes Stone, at the church office—383-3924, ext. 19, or email agnes@olmstpatrick.org.

R.C.I.A (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the pathway by which adults enter the Church. It is a journey of growth in the faith and involves a period of *Inquiry* followed by a more intense time of learning, reflection, and prayer (the *Catechumenate*). *Sponsors* and a *Hospitality Team* are also involved in the RCIA process. For more information, contact Deacon Chuck Reyburn at 383-3924, ext 20.

REMEMBERING PROGRAM - Program to assist Former Catholics, Alienated Catholics and Inactive Catholics to explore the option of returning to full membership in the Church. Please contact Carmel Donoghue 722-2610.

FIRST COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS 12 weekly classes for sacramental formation. Contact Deacon Chuck, 383-3924, ext 20 or chuck@olmstpatrick.org. Classes are held from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the Priest Dining Room.

BIBLE STUDY - Monday 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the Church Meeting Room 1. Please contact the church office 383-3924.

LITTLE ROCK BIBLE STUDY offers the opportunity to deepen your knowledge of the Scriptures. Contact Jeanne Chealander at 723-4814 for more information.

CATECHISM STUDY If you want to learn more about the Church's teachings, join our *Study Group on the Catechism*. The group meets on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 10:15 am in the Office Modular Building. To learn more, contact the church office 383-3924.

EMMAUS PROGRAM - Would you like to share your faith with others? The **Emmaus Program** invites you to join a **Small Faith Community** for sharing, prayer, and discussion. Contact Deacon Chuck Reyburn, 383-3924, ext 20.

For information concerning any of the above programs please call: Church Office 209-383-3924.

Parish Organizations

Unless otherwise indicated, please call the Parish Office at 383-3924 for information on the Ministries and Organizations listed below.

- English Altar Servers
- Spanish Altar Servers, Maria Mora
- Health Ministry, Pat Calzadillas
- Eucharistic Adoration, Mert Beuerman
- Spanish Religious Information Classes – Deacon Jose Morales
- ReMembering Classes, Carmel Donoghue
- Small Bible Group – Little Rock Scripture Group, Jeanne Chealander or Kathy Collins
- Daughters of the Holy Spirit, Sr. Lucille
- Carmelites, Lucy Gasaway
- Perpetual Help Novena Group, Shirley Brandon
- Pre-Marriage Program, Agnes Stone
- Respect Life, or Mary's Mantle-Cindy and Steve Hunt
- Youth Group, Roy Guzman, (559) 485-3619
- Spanish Prayer Group, Hector & Esperanza Garcia
- Guadalupana Society, Raul & Maricela Pena
- Portuguese Ministry, Mary Avila
- OLM School Foundation, Sabra Abbate
- African American Black Catholic Ministry Organization—Sylvia Fuller
- Monday Morning Club
- Catholic Professional and Business Club, Fernando Palomino
- Catholic Women and Friends, Olivia King
- Knights of Columbus, Jose J. Delgadillo
- Italian Catholic Federation, Vince Piro
- Young Ladies Institute, Joanne Cline
- Newcomers/Hospitality Committee, Olivia King
- Parish Festival – Carmel Donoghue
- St. Vincent de Paul Society Thrift Store 723-2404
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fresno, Merced Office, Sandra Leon-Alfaro, 383-2494
- Msgr. McCormick Jamaican Mission – Lisa Newson
- Small Faith Formation Group – Deacon Chuck Reyburn
- OLM Parent's Club – Danielle Wood
- Little Flower Group-Susan Di Piazza
- Asian Group-Evelyn Loyola